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**New
Plan For
Formosa**

**Revitalising The
Administration**

Taipei, Formosa, Dec. 13.—The first of a series of changes in the Chinese government's administrative machinery aimed at making Formosa secure internally as well as externally, is scheduled to be announced soon—probably within ten days.

The basic phases would remove the island's military chief, Gen. Chen Cheng, currently governor as well as over-all military commander, and put him into full-time military planning. Most prominently mentioned as civil governor is Mr. K. C. Wu, former mayor of Shanghai. Neither would discuss these prospects, but high-level Chinese officials indicated to the United Press that such a move is under consideration.

The new administrative programme plans to give Formosa higher administrative positions, but it is doubtful whether they will be given any policy-making positions. The revision of the Formosa administration is designed to remove conflicts between the provincial and central authorities, and give offices to such officials as will be given any policy-making positions. The revision of the Formosa administration is designed to remove conflicts between the provincial and central authorities, and give offices to such officials as will be given any policy-making positions.

GENEROUS BLOOD DONOR
Paris, Dec. 13.—Mlle. Marthe Pineau, a French nurse at La Rochelle, Western France, claims to be the world's record blood donor. She underwent her 330th blood transfusion a few days ago and has given 50½ gallons of her blood.—Reuter.

Expresses Criticism Of U.S. Attitude

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Dec. 13.—"Recognition by Britain of China's Communist Government is now certain. The problem is to concert the formal action of recognition with that by the rest of the Commonwealth, and perhaps other Western countries."

This is the view expressed by the Liberal independent Manchester Guardian in a lengthy leader today headed "Recognition."

The Guardian continues by pointing out that policy questions are not involved by recognition and neither is Britain trying to get a start over other countries in commercial relations with the new China, but recognising a government in such absolute mastery is ordinary international practice.

The Guardian criticises the United States attitude.

"In postponing recognition in the present circumstances it is the United States and not Britain which is eccentric. Not having diplomatic relations with an important part of the world is intolerably inconvenient and dangerous. It makes the world more disorganised than need be."

The leader goes on to stress that there is no point in waiting for the United States and no great harm will come from disagreement over this issue between Britain and the United States.

SURPRISING NEWS

Although Liberal countries are not enthusiastic about China going Communist, some news items from China are surprising. The cleaning up of corruption by the Communists is now a stock argument for Communist China. More important, the Communists spare lives.

"More and more middle-class Chinese feel surprised relief that they are not yet shot, and are ready to support the Communist Government as the only one in sight, at least for the present."

The Chinese Communist leaders seem willing for China to pass through its revolution by

easy stages, but the Guardian warns, not to regard them as half-hearted Communists or even as lukewarm towards Russia.

Supporting this statement the Guardian reminds what a powerful leader Liu Shao-chi voices for the majority of his party—"There will be boundless development and consolidation for friendship and co-operation between the Chinese and the people of the Soviet Union. The close co-operation of these two great nations will be matchless in the world and will play a decisive role in the direction of world development."

Liu Shao-chi believes all countries to be imperialistic and determined to do harm to China except those on the Russian side. This picture is not only seen by the Chinese. The Chinese Communist victory has raised Communist hopes everywhere in Asia. The international party in Asia at present believes genuinely that the West is malevolent and offers, with nothing useful to offer.

REGIMES COMPARED

The Guardian leader goes on to compare the Communists with the Kuomintang. (Continued on Page 5)

The "Artful Dodger" Joins The Army



Anthony Newley, 18-year-old actor who made a name for himself as the "Artful Dodger" in the notable film "Oliver Twist," is now in the Army, and in this picture he is seen preparing to set out from his preliminary training battalion, RAOC, at Aldershot.

London Plunged Into Darkness

SUDDEN STRIKES CREATE A SERIOUS SITUATION

London, Dec. 13.—Unofficial strikes at four electrical power stations tonight plunged great areas of London into total darkness and set Christmas candles flickering.

The strikes threatened the city with serious transport, industrial and commercial dislocation. It was feared that if they spread further the national grid—the system which distributes power throughout Britain—might be affected.

Power workers at three stations stopped over a pay dispute and because servicemen were drafted in, workers at Barking—the biggest power station in Europe—also stopped work.

After giving less than three hours' notice, 1,400 men at the Barking Station streamed out of the buildings and the 15 great chimneys ceased to belch smoke.

Almost simultaneously, lights went out in many London suburbs and electric trolley buses were brought to a standstill.

Shopkeepers and housewives fumbled in the dark to light up the decorative candles they had been reserving for Christmas. Servicemen were drafted into Barking and others were tonight standing by. A committee of Cabinet Ministers was keeping continuous watch on the situation, and the Government was reported to be confident that it could maintain at all times a high percentage of normal output.

With Services help, it was expected to be possible to restore 100-percent output within about 12 hours of the breakdown.

CRANE DRIVERS' OUT
Crane drivers' unloading coal ships on the Thames River joined the strike tonight.

This afternoon, the power output in London and Southern England fell to 80 percent of the average. In some areas it meant a complete blackout, interruption of factory work and of cinema shows, and transport breakdowns.

Some East London telephone exchanges carried on by candlelight.

Delegates from all 30 power stations in and around London were meeting tonight.

Earlier, some of London's underground trains were stopped in a nationwide five per cent electricity cut, which was made worse by last night's unofficial strike in three London power stations.

Naval ratings sent to the three

Burma Invaded By Chinese Reds

Troops "Warmly Welcomed" Near Yunnan Border

SITUATION RATED AS "OBSCURE"

London, Dec. 13.—A monitored broadcast from Toungoo in central Burma said that Chinese Communist forces have already entered Burma and been "warmly welcomed" at a town called Sima, located east of Bhamo in northern Burma, near the Yunnan border.

The Toungoo broadcast said that smaller Chinese Communist forces had crossed the border into Burma from Tonkin Province in Indo-China.

No official confirmation of these reports could be obtained in London. The situation on the Yunnan border with Burma was described as "obscure," but it is believed probable that there has been Chinese Communist infiltration into the Kachin Hills.

The Communists in Burma are said to have been "relatively inactive" during the last two months, possibly because they have been compelled to leave the fighting to other factions which have dissipated the strength of the Burmese Prime Minister Thakia Nu's army and police forces. Among the leaders of the Communist movement in Burma is the Indian, Goghal, who has contacts with both the Chinese and the Indian Communists.

Jerusalem Proclaimed A Capital By Israel

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 13.—Israel on Tuesday formally proclaimed Jerusalem its national capital, and the Israeli legislature voted unanimously to hold its next session there next week.

The Israel cabinet decided on the move after an all-night session which broke up only shortly before dawn on Tuesday.

The decision was announced to a tense Knesset (parliament) by the Israeli premier, Mr. David Ben-Gurion. Mr. Ben-Gurion told the Knesset that Israel had always considered Jerusalem its capital, and that the setting up of government offices in the Tel-Aviv suburb of Hakeifa had been only "temporary." He promised complete religious freedom, and said his government would continue to safeguard Jerusalem's holy places for all religions.

The Premier then told parliament that "there is nothing to prevent the Knesset from returning to Jerusalem. We propose that you take a decision to that effect." Parliament voted unanimously to move from Tel-Aviv. It will hold its first session in Jerusalem after Hanukkah, "the Feast of Light," which Jews will observe this weekend.

THE "NEW CITY"

This decision applies only to the "New City" of Jerusalem which is controlled by Israeli troops. The "Old City" is in the hands of King Abdullah of Hashemite Jordan. King Abdullah, like the Israeli government, opposed the internationalisation plan.

The Israeli Premier said: "We respect, and shall continue to respect, the wishes of all those states which are concerned over the freedom of worship and free access to the Holy Places and religious buildings in Jerusalem. Mr. Ben-Gurion noted that Israel began transferring its government activities to Jerusalem from a 'temporary' seat in Tel-Aviv as the Palestine war tapered off."

He said: "The required arrangements in Jerusalem now verge on completion, and there is no longer any need to prevent the Knesset from returning to Jerusalem. In all these arrangements, nothing alters in the slightest degree any existing rights in the Holy Places which the government will respect fully, nor does it alter our constant effective supervision of these Holy Places by the United Nations. Our delegation declared in the General Assembly—United Press.

A broadcast from Loakal, on the Indo-China border with Yunnan reported that the French troops have been practically withdrawn from the whole of Tonkin Province, except the river delta. The French army's positions close to the Yunnan border have reportedly been abandoned, and Tonkin appeared to have become virtually a province of Mao Tse-tung's China.

The Communist Vietnamese radio said that Chinese Communist troops had no need to penetrate Indo-China. But Vietnam leader Ho Chi-minh would agree to assistance regarding supplies from the Chinese Communists along the undefended frontier.

There is no report from Siam today, but recent reports indicated that Chinese Communist successes were fostering a widening rift on racial grounds in Siam.

Official figures give the Chinese population of Siam as about four million, which controls much of the country's wealth, and forms a large proportion of Siam's labour force. The Siam government's reluctance to take firmer measures against Communist agitation was said to be due to the presence of the Russian diplomatic mission in Bangkok which vigorously protests all anti-Communist decrees.—United Press.

Sees Bright Future For Trade

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—An exporter told the Maritime Commission today that when trade with North China is open again "I think we will do the greatest business with China in the history of West Coast shipping."

Mr. Harold Brown, senior partner of the Eastern Export Import Company of San Francisco, said that more requests for goods and information about shipping to and from North China were received in the past two months "than from the rest of the world during the last two years. They need everything everywhere."

Brown was the latest in a series of shippers asking the Commission to approve requests by the Pacific Transport Lines and the Pacific Far East Lines for operating subsidies from the Commission.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Two Politicians Speak

SENATOR Homer Ferguson and Congressman Fred Crawford recently spent a little time around the Far East, and Representative Crawford, in consequence of a few hours residence in Hongkong (plus, presumably some chats he had elsewhere along the line) has come to the conclusion that the United States is in bounden duty to assist in the defence of this Colony should we be attacked by Communists. This is a viewpoint that can be based either on emotion or as a result of the general military strategy governing Northeast and Southeast Asia. Representative Crawford appears to be motivated by the second consideration, and for this reason alone his viewpoint commands a degree of appreciation. What is a trifle bewildering is the inference that it is possible for any attack against Hongkong to remain an isolated incident—a purely local affair which, in itself, could not possibly have international repercussions. If Hongkong were to be attacked it would be the same as if the action had been directed against Okinawa or the Philippines; it would signal, not a local action between Hongkong and the Chinese Reds, but an international conflict between the Democracies and Communism, and, so far as this Colony's is concerned, United States assistance would be automatic. And the same precept applies to Britain in the event of a military assault against American territory in the Pacific. Mr. Crawford, therefore, would appear to be stating an accepted fact, rather than an opinion, when he refers to the United States being prepared to help to defend Hongkong. Nevertheless, his sentiments are accepted in the spirit in which they have been advanced. Republican Senator Homer Ferguson advances rather more revolutionary ideas. He thinks American troops should be expended on the saving

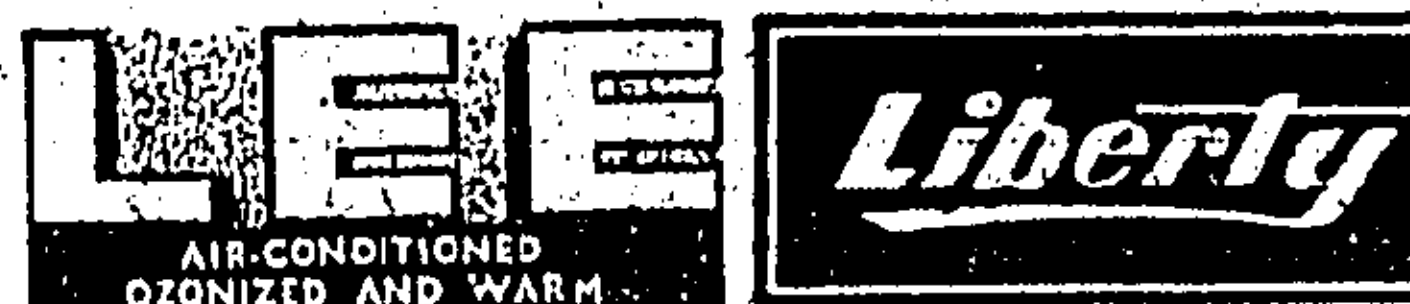
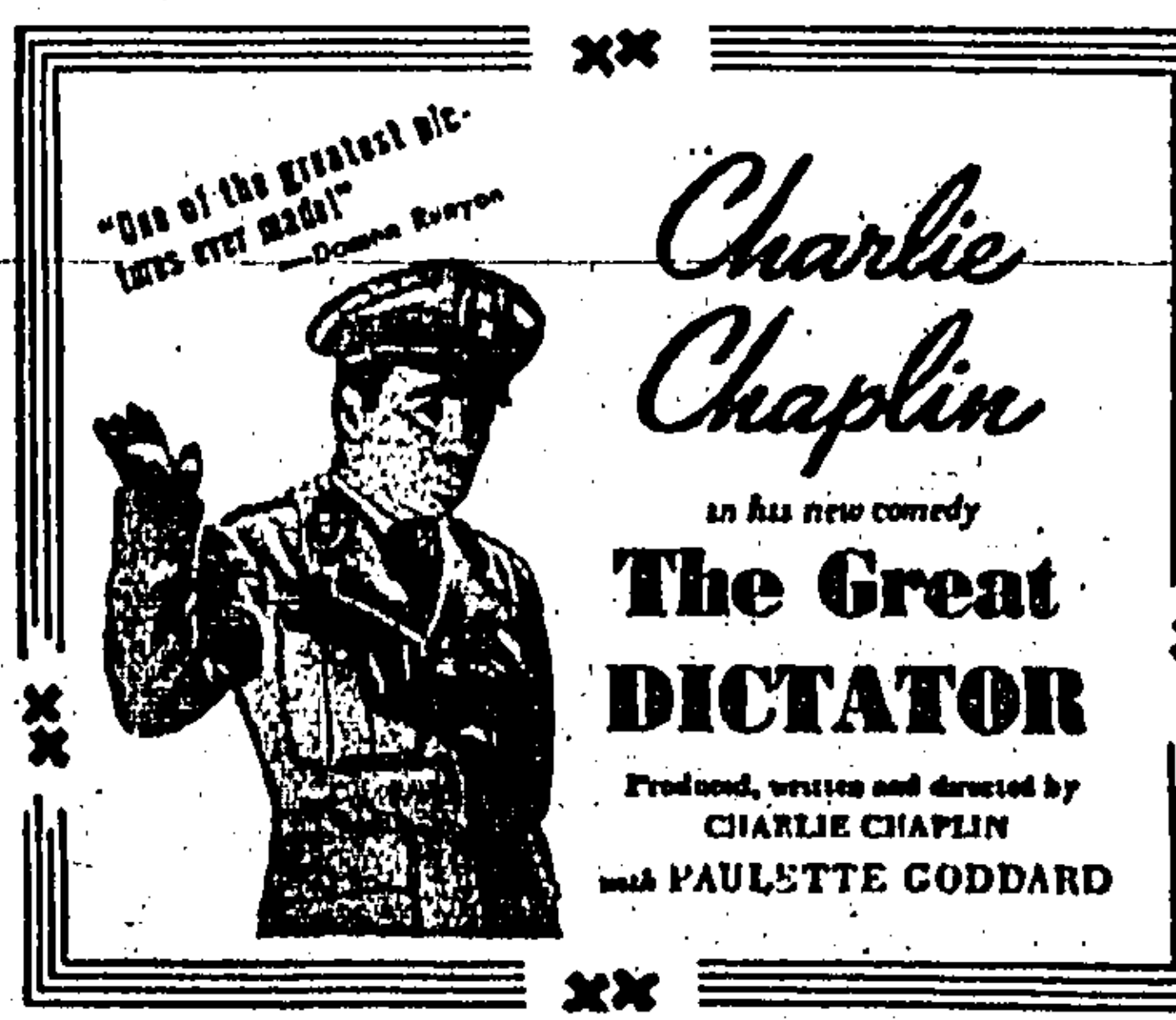
of Formosa from the Chinese Communists; by implication this means on behalf of the Chinese Nationalists. It is a daring proposition to put before his own countrymen, for while they may be willing enough, if the time should ever come, to rally round the banner of Democracy for Democracy's sake, it is highly questionable whether they would be prepared to fight any further battles for a regime which is now nothing more than a refugee government—especially a government that has abjectly failed to carry out its fundamental obligations to the people. The Nationalists arouse the ire of their own countrymen, and others, because of the manner in which they have let the people down; they have discredited themselves by their own actions and inactions—their birthright, the confidence of the nation, has been sold. And it is impossible to believe that Americans will subscribe to the idea that their manhood and their money should be sacrificed in order to save a regime that has lost its entitlement to survival. Nor is it feasible to suggest that any declaration by the United States that, pending a peace treaty, Formosa is regarded as still a part of the Japanese empire, will deter the Chinese Communists from endeavouring to capture this island stronghold. The Cairo and Potsdam agreements make this impracticable because Formosa has, in fact, been delivered back to the Chinese, and the government of the day, whatever it be, is going to hold tenaciously to the territory. The realities of the situation in China and her neighbouring countries demands a new strategic conception on the part of American and other Western powers. This must be worked out to embrace the control of Formosa by Chinese Communists.

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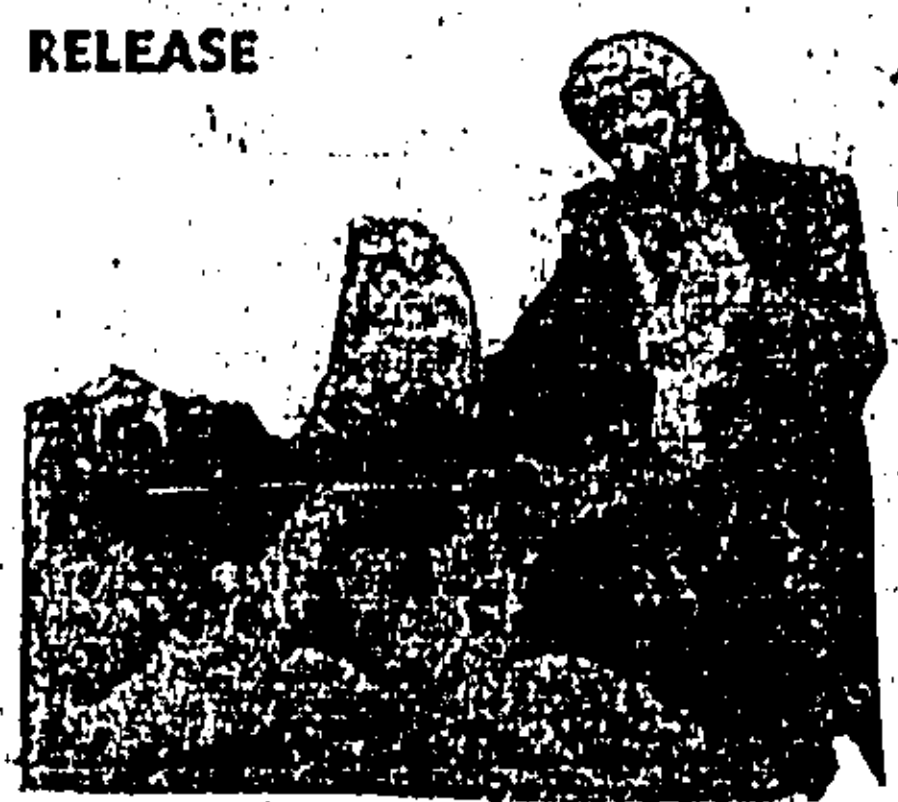
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WOMANSENSE

by SUSAN DEACON

How to choose your
'odd skirt'THE most indispensable
part of any
woman's wardrobe—
whatever her age—is the
odd skirt.The old idea of a "jum-
per and skirt" being dowdy
has been completely dis-
pelled.Teamed up with a well-
chosen blouse or jumper and
worn out of doors with a
finger-tip jacket, a suitable
skirt is useful and fashionable.Unsuitable
choiceBut, in spite of the
varied selection of at-
tractive and inexpensive
skirts in the shops, many women
make the most un-
suitable choice when
buying a skirt, both
in style and material.One sees too many
bustling skirts wrinkled
and straining at every button,
or not-so-slim women adding
inches to their hips by wearing
the wrong style or large check
overall patterns.
Another skirt fault common
to the younger set, trying to
look slimmer is to wear their
skirts skin tight.
They certainly look slim
from the front, but the side
view, after sitting at an office
desk for a few days, is not what
they set out to achieve—for the
seat has sagged.

Pencil-slim

At the moment, the most
popular skirt is the narrow
pencil-slim skirt. It looks
especially smart worn with a
swing back or boxy jacket.
(Never wear a boxy jacket with
a flared skirt.)
Many of these narrow skirts
have two box pleats, or fanpleats at the centre back, and
are quite plain at the front.
The all-round, flared skirt
is also popular, and looks
attractive. But remember,
when buying an all-round
pleated skirt that you will have
to pay much to have it repeated
when it is cleaned.The button through skirt is
becoming popular again. It is
an attractive grey flannel skirt
in this style, slightly flared.
For the average-sized woman
I found an attractive black and
white flannel skirt in a
large over-check.The material is soft and
warm and has a light weave
which will not sit out.
For wide hips
For the teen-ager I chose the
all-round pleated skirt in
tangerine-coloured soft wool.
It would look attractive worn
with a black sweater. The 3in.wide band at the top
narrows the waistline
(Sketch No. 1).
For the older, wide-
hipped woman, I
chose the skirt in
Sketch No. 2.
The tiny check pat-
tern is in two shades
of brown on a tur-
quoise ground.
The material, pat-
tern, and style are
eminently suitable for
a woman with a 42in.
hip measurement.The handbag in Sketch No. 3
can easily be made at home.
The polished gilt expanding
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All-round pleats

These side pleats on the other-
wise straight line give a
good slimming effect.
Bigger women should avoid
bunchy pleats, thick bulky
material and all-round flared
skirts.If you must have all-round
pleats, have them stitched
smoothly down over the hips
and flaring from the knees.
Skirts in this style in a hard-
wearing green and raisin-
coloured tweed are now in the
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Antique
Court JewelsTHERE was displayed recently
in the United States an his-
toric collection of anti-
que jewels, many represent-
ing the personal property of
royalty; it reveals in their de-
signs prime examples of the
craftsmanship that was em-
ployed during the 16th and 19th Cen-
tury. The collection, priced
from \$100 to \$9,000, has been
collected expressly for an or-
ganisation, and is part of that
store's personal exhibit of an-
tique jewels.

Designed by Fabergé

Some of the hand-
somest pieces displayed are those
designed by Fabergé, who is
said to have created more court
jewels than any other artist.
Typical of these designs
that bear his signature is the
small box made of agate, which
was presented to the late
Russian Czarina by her brother,
Kaiser Wilhelm. The small box
is carved out of one piece of
agate, the lid is encrusted with
gold, rose diamonds and a
centre green diamond of 0.54
carats. It is priced at \$9,000.
Displayed are the 18-kt. gold
opera glasses set with rubies,
sapphires and diamonds, and for
the men, an 18-kt. gold cigar
holder of corrugated pattern
that is moulded to the size of a
long cigar.Still in the realm of ac-
cessories for men is the beau-
tiful snuff box that was once in
the possession of Ludwig, the
mad king of Bavaria. The box
is of chased gold, sprinkled with
diamonds, with the diamond
signature of Ludwig sparkling
across a blue enamel plaque.

Marie Antoinette's

Many of Marie Antoinette's
personal treasures are exhibited,
all light and flattery, bearing
the initials of the queen in tiny
rubies and diamonds, or gilded
with the French fleur de lis.
Her cigarette case of gold leaf
bears her initials, while the
three glass perfume flacons
which she reserved for her hair
costumes hold large stone tops.
More Oriental in feeling are
the Persian turquoise necklace
moulded in a snake shape, the
ribbon of inlaid gold that is
clasped with two turquoise
studded balls, and the "moon"
necklace, a crescent-shaped
throat-hugging necklace that
is coloured with enamel flowers
on one side, and inlaid with
pearls, coral and topaz in the
tradition of Jaipur jewellery on
the other.Wife, Star And
ProducerHERBERT WILCOX has
formed a new independent
film company in Britain—
Artists' Alliance Corporation—
with his wife, Anna Neagle,
and Michael Wilding as co-
directors and producers. It will
be "unfettered by the control of
any distributing or exhibiting
organisation," and the pictures
will be aimed at a world
market. Mr Wilcox is negotiat-
ing for an exchange of artists
and ideas with the United
States, and he hopes to produce
days in London and New York
in association with American
producers. He is also consid-
ering offers by American tele-
vision companies for the show-
ing of plays and films. Both
Miss Neagle and Mr Wilding
will make their own films, un-
der Mr Wilcox's supervision.
First actor to star in one of the
new company's pictures will be
Trevor Howard, star of "Brief
Encounter" and one of the lead-
ing actors in "The Third Man."

Effective Use of Ribbon

HATS are going in for lots of trimming this season. It is
seen on models designed for general or casual day wear right
through to late afternoon and evening hats. So a well-
handled ribbon trimming looks new and handsome especially
when handled by a master milliner. Robert Dudley mani-
fested a taste for a beautiful hat to trim this "Dreadful
hat of fauce felt of hazy trim and high crown." The
milliner gloves repeat the hat motif and make a smart
necessary ensemble.

Leg Care And Exercise

Whether you wear bobby socks or not, silky fins on the legs is un-
sightly. Use a good depilatory, which can be washed off easily.

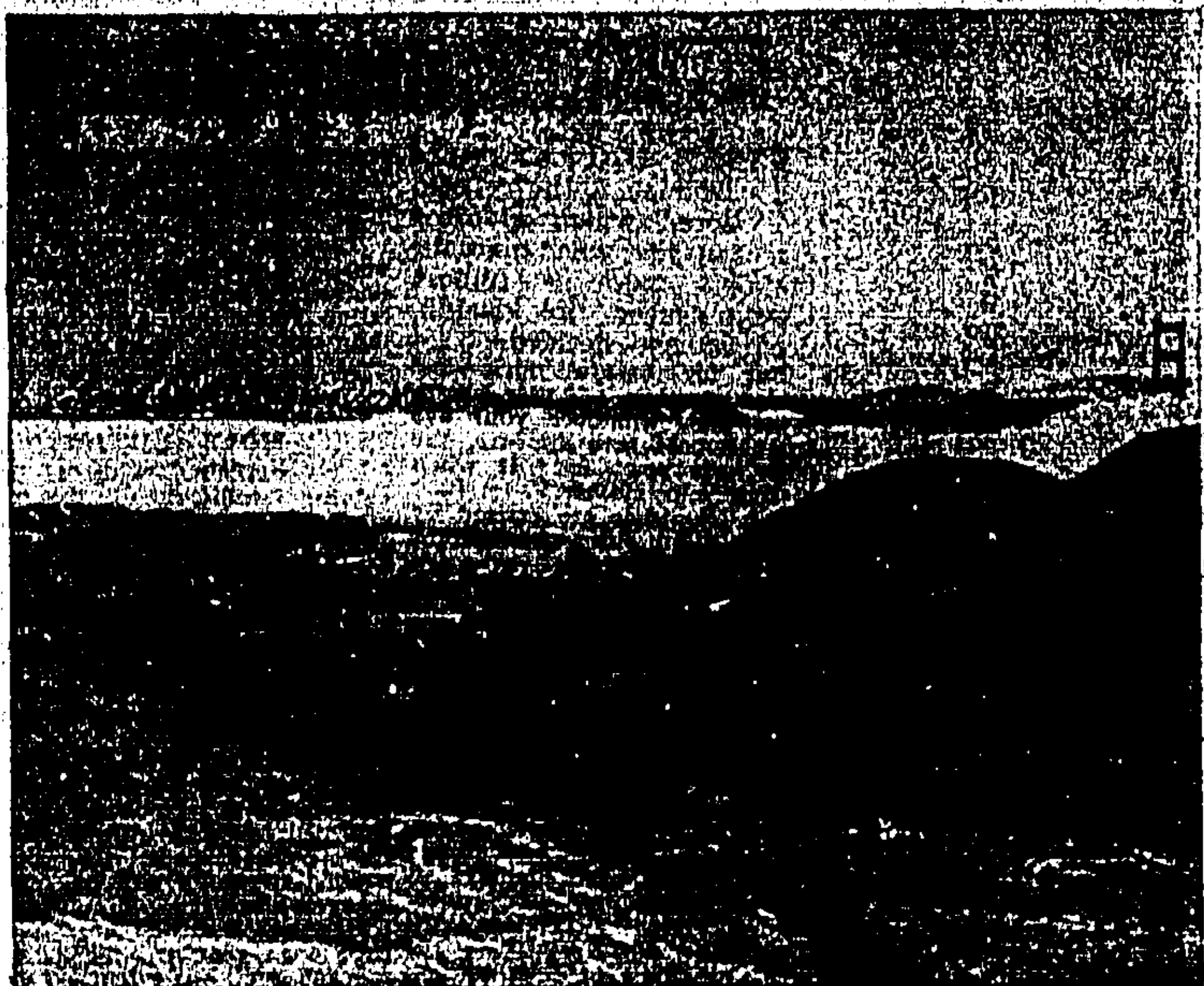
By HELEN FOLLETT

If a girl is going to wear
bobby socks—and most of the
teen-agers do, all the year
round—it behooves her to keep
her legs in condition. How
many times one sees those tiny
red points, called goose
pimples, for want of a better
name! They can be banished
by cosmetic attention. The flesh
should be scrubbed with soap
suds and a heavy brush, rinsed,
dried and a cream applied.
Often a semi-liquid milk
hand lotion will create a clear,
smooth surface. A friction once
in a while with borated talcum
will condition the skin so that it
will be more presentable.
A growth of silky fuzzers on
the legs is a handicap to good
appearance. A depilatory can
be used to remove them. Or,
one can buy a tiny safety razor
made especially for the mem-
bers of the frail sex. It isn't
likely that shaving will make
the growth any thicker or
heavier, and certainly some-
thing has to be done about it.
Thick ankles are no beauty
bargain. If bulk is due to large
bones, nothing will avail in the
way of treatment. But, if the
excess measurement is due to
an accumulation of fat cells as
sometimes happens, get busy
and roll them away. Apply a
heavy cream to give resistance
to the fingers, pinch, hammer
and press deeply into the flesh.
Walking tip-toe is recom-
mended as a leg reducer. So is
high kicking. A good exercise,
one that will diminish the size
of the thighs as well as the
calves and ankles is this one:
Stand tall, abdomen held in,
head balanced, chest high,
backbone stretched to the limit,
arms straight out at the sides
on a line with the shoulders.
Lower the body slowly until
your buttocks rest on your
heels. Lift the body slowly, go
up on the toes, then down to
the heels. These movements
give the muscles a work out;
and, on strong muscles, fat cells
will not linger.

Good Ways to Save Eggs

"HAVE you noticed, Chef,
that we have been featur-
ing desserts that call for only
one egg, or for none at all?"
"Cut, Madame. And it is
very helpful for the budget be-
cause eggs are now very ex-
pensive and the average family
must be economical about their
use. For example: You buy
a dozen eggs that will
give you a breakfast or
luncheon for 4 persons of one
egg apiece, for three times
during the week. This they
will appreciate, because they
see the eggs; so they know they
are eating them.""And Chef, if that dozen eggs
is used in making fancy
desserts, cakes and pies; they
will not realise they are having
eggs because they are invisible,
mixed among the other in-
gredients.""Then, Madame, for baking
and desserts we can use the
inferior grade eggs which are
much less expensive."
Loss Expensive
"During the spring and
summer when eggs are more
plentiful and less expensive, we
would have used more eggs and
fewer crumbs. In making the
Honey-Crumb Custard, and
more eggs and less sweet potato
in making the Sweet-Potato
Raisin Nut Pudding. It is the
matter of the know-how. We
must adapt our recipes to the
cost of eggs.""Cereals can be used partly
in place of eggs in custard pud-
dings. For instance if a recipe
calls for 1 cup of cooked rice
and 3 eggs, you can use 1 egg
and 1 1/2 cups of rice, or 2
cooked oatmeal or farina. Or
you can use mashed sweet
potato or pumpkin. You don't
have quite the same dessert, and
it doesn't have the same nutri-
tional value, but the family would
much rather have the eggs for
breakfast than hidden in a
pudding. If you are making
soft custard that calls for 2
eggs, one can be used with 1
teaspoon cornstarch beaten with
it. This gives about the same
texture to the custard.""Of course, Madame, when it
comes to fine quality, there is
nothing better than fine eggs.
But when it comes to the bud-
get, then necessity becomes the
mother of invention."Dinner
Egg Plant Soup Croquettes
Holland Hot Pot Beets with Mint Sauce
Sweet Potato Nut and Raisin
Pudding Pudding
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
Include enriched bread or rolls
with butter or margarine.
All Measurements and Liquid
Recipes Serve Four

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



HEAVY DEW—Rolling in from the Pacific Ocean, and almost obscuring the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, is part of the heaviest fog of the season. In the background are hills and buildings of the California city, but the fog completely covers Alcatraz Island.



ODD MATERIAL—Frank and Betty Dutt, sculptors in Chicago—find pure lard an easy thing to work with. They are making figures of a giant hog and piglets for the 50th Anniversary International Livestock Show in the windy city.



HANDLE WITH CARE—Police Commissioner William O'Brien, centre, and assistants examine rifles and other contraband, later dumped overboard from a tug in New York harbour. The load included souvenir pistols, revolvers and machine guns weighing a total of 13 tons.



FOSTER PARENT—When a mother lion refused to nurse her week-old cub in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Snowball, a white spitz, took over the job. Patricia Ann White is visiting the happy family and is delighted to see that the adopted child nurses contentedly along with Snowball's own babies.



EASY TO BELIEVE—After signing a film contract in Hollywood, model Georgia Clancy starts climbing to fame as the "Swim Suit Siren Most Likely to Succeed."



GIFTS—Indira, left, an elephant presented to the children of Japan by India's Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Hanako, a 'baby' elephant from Siam, share a cage in the zoo in Tokyo. Because most animals were killed during the war, they are the only elephants in the zoo.



CAUGHT IN THE ACT—Little Sheran Rech, aged two, got caught redhanded in her parents' kitchen in Chicago. She had been raiding the ice box and had jam spread all over her hands and face. No further explanation was necessary.



CUTTING A FIGURE—Helga Dudzinski, 20, shows the ice skating form which won the 1948 German Youth Championship for her. The pretty resident of Munich began skating at the age of seven.



FOUR IN HAND—These quads display different moos after their mother, Mrs Taylor, popped them into a playpen at an exhibition in London. The object of the exhibition was to educate mothers and anyone concerned in child welfare.

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Asian Women's Conference In Full Swing

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The Asian Women's Conference is now in full swing in the Chinese Communist capital of Peking, a Communist broadcast reported tonight.

The delegates of several overseas countries are attending the conference, which has heard lengthy reviews of the roles women are playing in the various fields of public life in those countries.

Recognition Certain

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"The Communist victory is one phase of the Chinese revolution started in 1911. The Emperor and the Mandarinate were discarded when all the old institutions of government broke down under the impact of the West. China's first experiment was with a rather shoddy copy of the Western democratic system, but the system worked no better than the traditional one and was discarded.

"China is now trying the institutions of Communism. In a sense the Communist success has been precipitated, not so much by economic causes, as by the need to find workable political institutions to replace the old ones."

In an article by Professor Fel Hsiao-tung, a most distinguished anthropologist and well-known in England it is seen how the institutions of Communism may become acceptable to educated China.

The Manchester Guardian quotes from this article which appeared in a Chinese journal. Professor Fel stayed in England for three months in 1947. He thought that while there was little democracy in the United States, the situation in Britain was much better and democracy there could be considered almost fully established.

NOT REAL THING
But he says, "what I found in America and England looked like, but wasn't the real thing. But what I learned at the recent People's Conference at Peking in six days exceeded all the knowledge I acquired on the subject during the previous six years."

He tells how he found a multitude of people in all types of dress in the Assembly Hall. This was the first time in his life he had seen such a cosmopolitan crowd assembled together. These people didn't come from elections held among the populace and formally did not satisfy the conditions of democracy he had known previously.

"But could any representative body like this one be produced in Britain or the United States? What existed was harmony and a warmth of friendship."

He realised how democracy and dictatorship could be blended together because "obviously the reactionaries had been disarmed and their activities suppressed. This was dictatorship. But only because of such a dictatorship could we have democracy in our conference hall."

The tender concludes by saying "such reasoning probably the greater part of China's more idealistic intellectuals is now reconciling itself to the new system."

Three Girls Die In Train Crash

Stockholm, Dec. 13.—The Malmö Express roared out of the wintery dusk at 65 miles an hour today and killed three "Queens of Light." The queens were blondes chosen to take part in the annual Swedish Festival of Light, held on December 13, when, according to tradition, the sun gets ready for its return journey northward.

The three girls, 17, 18 and 20 years of age, were in the back of a car when it was hit at a level crossing in the town of Norrköping.

The driver and two girls in the front seat escaped death as the locomotive's snowplough struck the rear of the vehicle and carried it in a tangled mass down the track.

Lighted candles stuck in the head-dresses of the five girls were scattered over the line. The signal man at the crossing said: "The girls screamed and their driver accelerated. He was not fast enough."—Reuter.

GERMAN POW IN RUSSIA

Bonn, Dec. 13.—Russia is still detaining 400,000 German prisoners of war as well as a large proportion of 150,000 civilian internees and 125,000 women members of the auxiliary services, a spokesman of the German Federal Government announced.

About 400,000 former members of the German armed forces were captured in other countries.

Overtime At London Docks



The gleaming lights of late working cargo ships are here reflected in the Thames, as crew and dockers work overtime discharging Christmas cargo. On the right is the CPR ship as Beaver Cove from Canada. A tug waits to pass through the Connaught cutting, at the Royal Docks, London.

Russia Uses Veto In Security Council

Lake Success, Dec. 13.—Russia cast her 42nd veto in the United Nations Security Council today to defeat a resolution congratulating the countries participating in the recent round-table conference at The Hague and welcoming the establishment of the United States of Indonesia which emerged from it.

Mr Semyon Tsarapkin, the Soviet delegate, cast the veto on the first part of the resolution, proposed by Canada. He followed immediately with Russia's 43rd veto on the second part of the measure, thus killing it in its entirety.

The first portion of the Canadian motion had been approved nine to two, but General A. G. L. McNaughton, of Canada, declared that Mr Tsarapkin's negative vote constituted a veto.

The second veto killed a paragraph of the resolution in which the UN Commission for Indonesia was asked to continue its functions and assist the Netherlands and Indonesia to implement their agreement.

Despite the rejection of this paragraph, General McNaughton said, the Commission continued to exist under previous Security Council resolutions.

"SADDENED"
General McNaughton said he was "saddened by the fact that apparently the Soviet Union does not welcome agreements by peaceful means, nor does she welcome the emergence of an independent Indonesian Republic."

Mr Tsarapkin replied that he could not approve an agreement which he said "put the Indonesian people into trouble from which they are not likely to free themselves."

Russia charged that the Hague agreement had returned the people of Indonesia to Dutch colonial rule.

Opposing the Canadian resolution was one by the Ukraine, which rejected the Commission report and ordered the appointment of a new Commission to reopen the whole question. This resolution was

supported by Russia, India, Cuba, Egypt, Belgium, Burma, the United Kingdom, France, Argentina and the United States, favoured the Canadian resolution.

NEW CHAPTER

Sir Benegal Rama Rau (India) said that, while much had yet to be done by all parties concerned, the Netherlands had clearly decided to "open a new chapter" in its relations with Indonesia and deserved to be congratulated.

Dr Carlos Blanco (Cuba) said the agreement represented an "historical event of considerable importance" for the United Nations as well as for the parties concerned.

U. S. Nym (Burma) denounced the Ukrainian resolution as nothing but "mischievous."

Mr Ernest Gross (United States) called the Indonesian "agreement a substantial contribution to the advancement of the purposes and principles of the Charter."

However, Mr Tsarapkin declared that the Hague agreement warranted "real anxiety" as to the fate of the Indonesian people. He said the collapse of Japan had been an opportunity for the Indonesian people to get rid of colonialism forever, but Anglo-American colonialism had prevented this from coming true, as it had done also in Malaya, Indo-China, Sarawak and elsewhere.

CADOGAN'S APPEAL

The British had been the first to send troops to Indonesia after the war, Mr Tsarapkin charged, and these troops had been used to disarm the Indonesian people, not with the disarmament of Japanese Army groups, but with interfering with the Indonesian people.

He added that the colonial Powers had banded together to preserve Dutch colonial rule in Indonesia.

He charged also that the United States had "generously" helped the "Dutch aggressors" by supplying money and other necessities.

Sir Alexander Cadogan (United Kingdom) appealed to the Council to "make allowances" for the Soviet and Ukrainian delegations, who had been "surprised, annoyed and disappointed" at the success of the Hague conference, which had raised difficulties for their "stirring up more trouble."

United Press.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY
ON BRIDGEExperts Don't Guess
It Right Every Time

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

CHICAGO has two of the greatest rubber bridge players in the country, Arthur Galt and Albert Weiss. After playing today's hand in the recent knockout team-of-four match in Chicago, Weiss remarked that there would be more tournament players in the country if they realised that the experts do not always get into the correct contract.

Not many of us would have the nerve to redouble the three club contract as Weiss (East) did, holding only three clubs. I have an idea that he was hoping that his partner would take the hand back to either three spades or three hearts. However, it is the play of the hand that is most interesting. The opening lead of the three of diamonds was won in dummy with the ace. Now Weiss led a

♠ 8832	♥ J88	♦ 42	♣ K107
♠ KQJ9	♥ W N E	♦ AK108	♣ 5
♠ None	♥ 5	♦ Dealer	♣ J84
♠ A9852	♥ 1073	♦ 3	♣ AK6
♠ J83	♥ Q973	♦ 10642	♣ 12

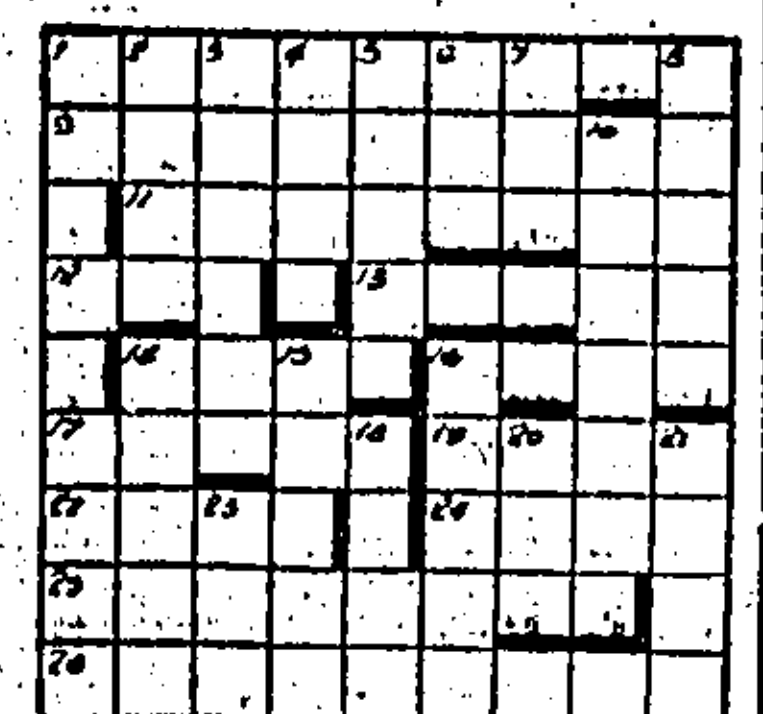
Tournament—E-W vul.
South West North East
Pass. Pass. Pass. Pass.
Pass. Pass. Pass. Pass.
Double Pass Redouble
Opening—♠ 3

small spade to his ace and cashed the ace and king of hearts, discarding two diamonds from dummy. Then he ruffed a small heart with the three of clubs, and cashed dummy's king and queen of spades, discarding two diamonds from his own hand. A small diamond was led and ruffed by declarer with the eight of clubs. South over-ruffed with the ten, and led back a small club which Weiss won with the king. Then he played a heart, and there was nothing South could do that would prevent Weiss from making the jack of clubs and the ace of clubs. Thus he made four-odd on the hand and scored 1100 points.

Check Your
Knowledge

1. Why did the previously unknown village of Lidice, in Czechoslovakia, spring into world fame?
 2. Where is the Avenue 18th of July?
 3. What state in the United States is nicknamed the "Coyote State"?
 4. What is Hedonism?
 5. From what did the material called damask derive its name?
 6. Name the first woman to become a member of a United States President's cabinet.
- (Answers in Column 2)

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Once start of the family. (9)
 2. That score must have come from this direction. (5-4)
 3. This is the back of the head; it's not so full as it was in pre-war days. (10)
 4. Handled without a limp. (3)
 5. Means the fourth letter. (3)
 6. Baroque recall. (4)
 7. He should prove a jewel. (4)
 8. He's included in those who eat and are eaten. (4)
 9. As men go, he led. (4)
 10. Precious in the way it is. (4)
 11. A grapple with. (4)
 12. A letter more would make this weaker. (4-4)
 13. "Farwell," a long farewell to all my— (Henry VIII). (9)
 14. One who— (9)
 15. A good example of one. (4, 3, 4)
 16. Done into a knot. (4)
 17. A name on the list. (4)
 18. To design in a structure. (4)
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DUMB-BELLS

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR POUND CAKE, DEAR!



CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Because it was completely destroyed by the Germans on June 10, 1942. It is the main thoroughfare of Montevideo, Uruguay.
2. The philosopher who holds pleasure to be the supreme good. 3. From the city of Damascus where the material was made originally. 4. Frances Perkins, appointed Secretary of Labour in 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Knarf Went Into the Garden

—He Wanted to See if the Morning Glories Slept—

By MAX TRELL

AS soon as it grew dark, Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, tiptoed across the playground. He was just starting out through the door when Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, said: "Where are you going, Knarf? And if you're going any place interesting, I'd like to go with you. I mean, if you don't mind taking me."

"I'm just going to walk across the garden," explained Knarf. "I make sure that all the morning glories are asleep."

"That sounds pretty interesting," said Teddy. "Is it all right if I go with you?"

Knarf said, of course it was all right. Then they both started to go out through the door. At that moment, Mary-Jane the Rag Doll said: "I'd like to go out, too."

"We're going to the back of the garden to see if the morning glories are asleep," said Knarf. "It should be very interesting."

Pick Moonbeams

"I'd like very much to see if they're asleep," said Mary-Jane. "And I'd like to pick some moonbeams. We can put them in a little bottle."

Knarf and Teddy both agreed that picking moonbeams was just as interesting as seeing if the morning glories were asleep. So they said Mary-Jane could come along.

This time all three of them started for the door. Then they heard General Tin the Tin Soldier saying: "I've been standing here since early this morning with my musket over my shoulder. I'd like to exercise my legs a bit. If you have no objection, I'll march along with you."

"We're going to do two interesting things," said Knarf. "We're going to the back of the garden to see if the morning glories are asleep. Then we're going to pick some moonbeams and put them in a bottle."

"Very good," said General Tin. "I will march along with you."

So they all went to the back of the garden. The stars peeped out and kept it in a little silver box. The stars peeped out, and when the wind comes, it blows the dust on daisy petals and inside butterscups. It's very good to cure sneezes," he said.

Knarf and Teddy and Mary-Jane all could see that it would be very interesting to collect star dust. So they all went along. Then they reached the edge of the garden, they met Pooh-Pooh the white poodle. "Where are you going?" he asked them.

"We're going on a very interesting trip," Knarf said. "We're going to the back of the garden to see if the morning glories are asleep. Then we're going to pick some moonbeams and put them in a bottle."

"I'm just going to go to the top of the hill where I've hidden a rubber ball. I'm going to give it a push with the end of my nose and race it all the way down to the bottom. It's not very interesting but that's what I'm going to do."

"We'll do it with you!" shouted Knarf and Teddy and Mary-Jane and General Tin. "The morning glories will go to sleep whether we look at them or not. The moonbeams can always be picked, and nobody needs to be cured of sneezes or star dust."

And so they all ran off with Pooh-Pooh the Poodle and Knarf and Teddy and Mary-Jane all could see that it would be very interesting to collect star dust.

Rupert and a Mare's Nest—26



BRONCHO BILL

Setting a Trap

By Harry F. O'Neill



MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

HE LIVED AMONG THE CIVILISED TORAJAS

WHITE STRANGER

By Harry Wilcox (Collins, 16s.)

Harry Wilcox served with the anti-aircraft gunners in the Battle of Britain and later served in Europe and then India. "Like millions of others," he writes, "I wanted to escape for a while from the post-war world and the twentieth century; unlike those others, I did escape." And this book is about his escape and the country that welcomed him.

He went to live among the Torajas, a highland tribe, little known to the rest of the world, in their little island a thousand miles east of Singapore and a thousand miles north of Western Australia. With narrative anecdote and camera, the author has recorded his impressions of this very civilised (in the best sense) community. This is the first book to be written about it, and it demonstrates as other actual and fictitious

THE FOOL BELOVED

By Jeffery Farnol (Sampson Low, 5/6)

The latest novel by this popular writer is in his usual style of historical fiction, and will delight all his millions of readers wherever in the world they are. The story is set in the Duchy of Celonia—a small European state ruled over by the beautiful young Duchess Jenevra—is the scene for this story.

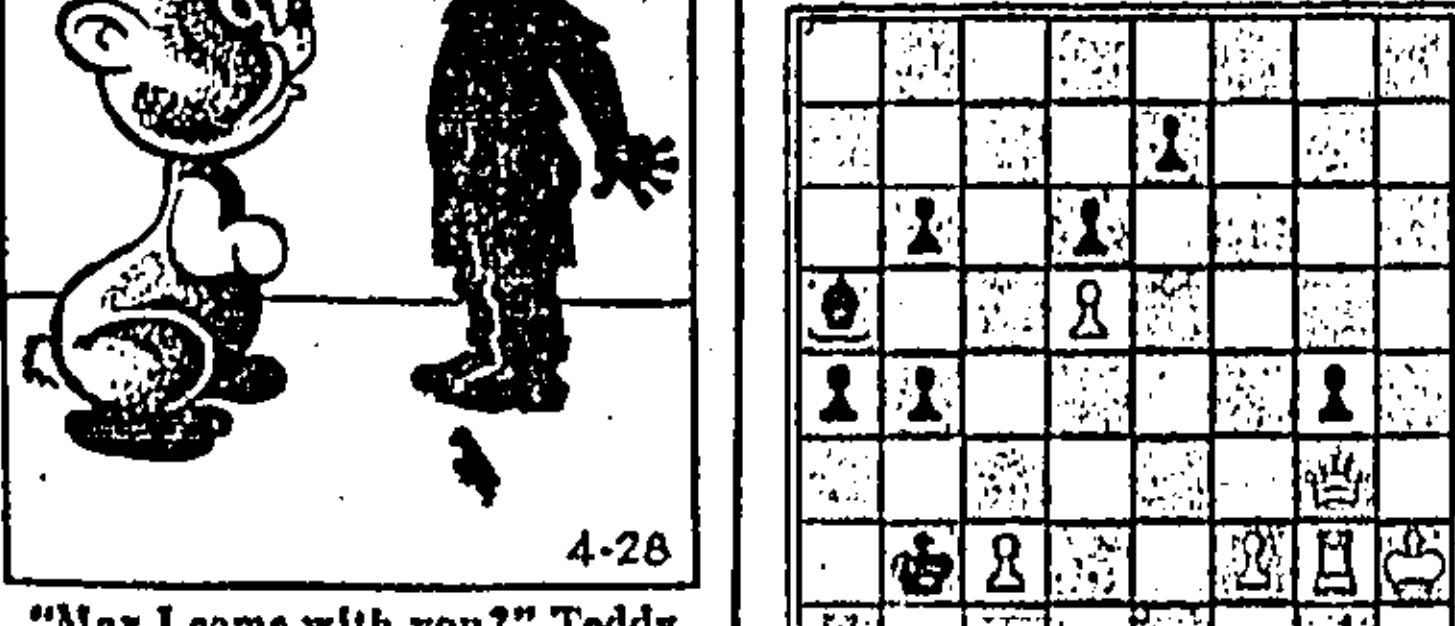
The brave Count Angelo is our hero, and the villain is Sebastian, who plans to get control of Celonia. A murderous attack on Angelo is planned by Sebastian, but it misfires although the evil perpetrator thinks that Angelo is dead. Angelo enters the court disguised as a jester, and, with his own resourcefulness and some of his friends' help, he manages to restore justice to Celonia and woo the Duchess successfully. (Tomorrow—Recorded Music)

ANIMALS IN THE AIR

So many animals, from mice to giraffes, are being shifted by air these days, either for scientific purposes or to replace deaths in some Zoo or other, that the whole question of animal air transport will have to be "devised into" (see the Barnchild Report on Air-Borne Rhinoceroses). Air-hostesses are so well-trained by now that they show no surprise when they see a camel being elbowed about. It is a daily occurrence to hear the hostess say, "Would your wretched care for a cup of coffee?" or "Perhaps that sweet little hippopotamus would be interested to know that we are just passing over Cheltenham."

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. G. SCHULTZ Black, 8 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem.

1. Kt-K15, any; 2. Q, R, or Kt mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

BORN today, you are one of the world's "free souls."

You dislike being held to a conventional mould and want to plan your future and go your own way, unimpeded.

Fortunately, your ideals are high and your innate love of all mankind makes it practically impossible for you to take advantage of those less fortunate than yourself in your upward climb toward success.

Clever, forceful and dramatic in your ability to present your plans to the world, you should make an early success. Whether or not you maintain it during your entire lifetime, is entirely up to you. Not particularly interested in business, merely for the sake of money-making, you are fond of your good things of life and plan to work hard enough to get what you want.

You always are ready to offer a helping hand to someone who has talent, but not the funds to develop it. You might make it a point to acquire wealth beyond the acquirement of your own needs, merely that you might sponsor others. You limit your assistance to those, however, who are willing, first, to help themselves.

Highly idealistic when it comes to marriage, you would rather not wed than take what you might consider a second choice.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Not your day, so keep a tight hold on everything. Guard your assets. Watch that budget!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Your personal attitude toward minor setbacks can counteract adversity. Optimism pays. Look ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is an active day for you. Take full advantage of all opportunities offered.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Self-control give you the willingness to act on an unexpected opportunity. Be ready!

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Morning hours are progressive. Finish what was started yesterday. When afternoon comes, slow down a little.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Originally pays. Promote a new idea properly and you can see it carried through to a fine conclusion.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—A new job may open up for you now. The opportunity should be a good one. Take advantage of it at once.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be guile in everything you say. Impulsive action can injure your future prospects. Use self control.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Best results are gained from adhering to routine. Expansion into new fields is inadvisable at present.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Listen to all suggestions. Make use of the good ones and you will gain further progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Dark clouds have passed. Now you may begin to act constructively and work out your future destiny.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Initiative and personal energy pay excellent dividends. When afternoon comes, concentrate on social activities.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A MINISTRY of Education pamphlet, called "Citizens Growing Up," makes some exceedingly masterful suggestions. Discussing those whose work is uninteresting, the Ministry says: "Give orders persuasively." Not "Painstakingly." Unscop that "ravelling-iron" but, rather, "Painstakingly, old chap! I don't want to hit it, but I'm that ravelling-iron of yours scoop-eh? What about unscoping it, eh? Good egg." Better still, employ lovely forewomen. "Mr. Painstaking, I may seem frightfully forward, but would you do me a favour? Could you, do you think, unscop that ravelling-iron in a teeny-weeny bit—just to please me?" Then a flashing smile and Painstaking doesn't care if it knows blood oranges. For two pins he'd unscop to whole infernal factory before you could say co-operation.

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Bravo, Mason!

The most outstanding quality of the old type of family butler was his imperturbability.

(Weekly paper).

AS in the case of a well-known incident in Belgrave square.

A gas-man called at the house and said to the butler, "I've called to have a look at your old geyser." "Her ladyship," replied the butler, "is not at home."

(London Express Service)

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Russia's Output Of Tin

London, Dec. 13.—The Metal Bulletin, in an extensive analysis of such data as exists, estimates that Russia's 1949 tin production will total about 10,000 tons, while current consumption is at the rate of about 12,000 tons.

The Bulletin suggested that the gap of 2,000 tons might have been partly bridged by 1,000 tons from China, 1,000 tons from other Far Eastern sources, including shipments of scrap, and 1,000 tons of scrap from Eastern Europe. Russia's pre-war consumption of tin was 15,000—United Press.

UK Economic Experts For Stockholm

Anglo-Scandinavian Co-operation

London, Dec. 13.—British Foreign Office and Treasury experts will go to Stockholm tomorrow to begin talks in connection with the proposed Anglo-Scandinavian Economic Association.

The two groups will explore prospects for closer trade co-operation in line with suggestions made recently by the Marshall Plan Administrator, Mr Paul Hoffman.

The eventual aim is to form an organisation to be known as "Uniscan," along the lines of Benelux, which links Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg economically.

The British experts said that they did not expect anything spectacular as a result of the talks, but were optimistic over the long range outlook for closer economic relations between Britain and Scandinavia.

Observers regarded as rotating factors the fact that there is not yet a single Scandinavian voice to allow Denmark, Sweden, and Norway to negotiate as a unit, and that complications exist in the non-convertibility of European and British currencies.

Diplomatic quarters here said that Britain does not intend to invite the Scandinavian countries into the sterling bloc. They also said that Britain has no desire to join a purely European union, because of the other arrangements with the overseas sterling area.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$175,972.60. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSK Bank 1810 1845 25 @ 1223

East Asia 108

INSURANCES

Canlon 305

Union 674 685 25 @ 677 1/2

HSK Fire 215

DOCKS, ETC.

Ac. Wharf 114 100 @ 118

Asia Nav 10,000 @ 1.10

Dock 5,500 @ 1.10

100 @ 18 1/2

600 @ 18 1/2

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HSK Hotel 1220 1240 100 @ 1220

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C. Light (O) 100 @ 12 1/2

C. Light (N) 100 @ 12 1/2

Electric 81 22 100 @ 21 1/2

M. Electric 23 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 24 1/2

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STORES, ETC.

Dairy 43 1/2 200 @ 44

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Watson 48 1/2 100 @ 47 1/2

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3000 @ 5

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market at the following rates:

Sterling pound note (per £ 1) 28 1/2

US dollar (per \$ 100) 28 1/2

NZ dollar (per \$ 100) 28 1/2

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May Be Last Trip For Patty



Critically ill Patty Owens, aged four, is carried by her father, Robert Owens, (centre) from his car to the train in Oakland, California, which took her and her mother (right) and two brothers to Chicago where, doctors say, she may not live to see Christmas. Patty wears an oxygen mask while a technician (left) carries a tank of oxygen which the child must use almost constantly because of a lung disease. (AP Photo).

KOSTOV INSISTS ON HIS INNOCENCE AS TREASON TRIAL DRAWS TO CLOSE

Sofia, Dec. 13.—Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, in his final statement to the court trying him on treason charges, repeated today that he was innocent.

There was commotion in the court as the second accused, the former Minister of Finance, Stephanov, burst into tears and denounced Kostov as a "traitor without the courage to admit his crimes even today."

The 11 accused were asked for their final statement after the defence had completed its case.

Defence attorneys spoke for five hours.

The date when sentences will be passed will be announced later.

Kostov told the court, in a brief statement delivered without any visible emotion, that he was not guilty of the charges of espionage and conspiracy, and that he had respect and esteem for the Soviet Union.

He made no attempt to refute any of the specific charges or challenge the testimony of his chief accuser, who repeated their accusation against him again today.

In fact, Kostov had at no time during the proceedings tried to challenge either the defendants or witnesses, although he had the right and opportunity to do so.

VOICE BROKE

After Kostov sat down the former Minister of Finance and Kostov's friend, Stephanov, rose and, visibly moved, told the court that he himself was guilty of the greatest crime against his people.

Then he sat, half turning to Kostov who sat on the bench beside him: "I am deeply shocked that the man who was the chief organizer of the entire conspiracy, the man who brought me into this court, did not find the courage to admit openly his guilt for the crime he committed."

"It seems that Traicho Kostov wants to remain a traitor to the end, and to prove himself a coward to the very end."

As he spoke his voice broke and he wiped his eyes with his hand as he sat down. He turned his back on Kostov.

Film cameras whirled as the accused rose one by one to make their final statements.

ASKED FOR CHANCE
Nikola Pavlov, the third accused and former Administrative Secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party's Politbureau, charged Kostov with the chief responsibility.

Nikola Natchef Petrov, Kostov's right-hand man before their arrest, told the court that he was fully guilty and asked to be given a chance to "pay for my crime with the hardest labour."

Boris Kristov, who was Bulgaria's commercial representative in Moscow, told the court with great emotion: "After I cleanse myself from the stain of my crime, I will work sincerely for the good of my people and my country."

LAUGHTER IN COURT
Kristov earlier wept while his defence lawyer described him as a victim of blackmail and charged that Traicho Kostov had taken his capitulation to the police during the war over his head as a club.

Ivan Gorenov, one-time millionaire industrialist, produced an outburst of laughter in court as he said that if his life was spared he would "be faithful to the Party, in the last moment of my life."

During the trial he had testified that as a big manufacturer he had been a "Communist in theory" until he found that

Socialism affected his own pocket.

He confessed that he had caused the state damage amounting to US\$45,000,000 through deliberate industrial sabotage.

All of the other accused also made statements admitting their guilt and asking for the court's mercy.—Reuter.

PEKING HAS WINTER RELIEF PLAN

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Peking's needy people will not have to pass this winter hungry or cold, according to a broadcast from the Chinese Communist capital tonight.

It said that 550,000 catties of millet and 10,000 cotton suits would be distributed to those in need, the distribution to be undertaken by the Winter Relief Commission.

This relief would be extended to refugees rendered homeless by summer floods to the unemployed and to poor people.

Widows and widowers who were employed would receive relief in the form of clothes and food as an incentive to greater individual efforts in industrial production, the Radio added.—Reuter.

RAIL TRAFFIC
San Francisco, Dec. 13.—All rail communications in Hunan Province were now in full operation, Peking Radio reported tonight.

It said that trains on the Hankow-Canton line now run to the Kwangtung border while those on the Changsha-Kwailin route run to the Kwangsi border.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING MAYOR
San Francisco, Dec. 13.—A Municipal People's Government has been established in Chungking, according to Peking Radio tonight.

The city's new Mayor and Vice-Mayor are Chen Hai-tien and Tsao Ti-chiu respectively, the Radio said.—Reuter.

WALL OF SWAT
Swat, Pakistan, Dec. 13.—The 67-year-old Wall of Swat, a tiny State on the borders of Kashmir, today abdicated in favour of his son, Prince Jahanzeb.

A colourful ceremony here, the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, took the royal cap and a copy of the Koran from the Wall and handed them to the Prince, declaring him the new ruler.

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Far East Commission Enters Final Phase Of Work On Japan

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Far Eastern Commission, under its new chairman, Mr Maxwell Hamilton, this week entered what its officials described as the "transition period" of winding up its role as the Allied policy-making body for occupied Japan in preparation for a peace conference.

"Penniless" Displaced Nobleman

New York, Dec. 13.—A Hungarian nobleman, Count Laszlo Paul Esztorhazy, who once lived on an estate valued at US\$8 to \$10 million, arrived here today as, in his own words, a "penniless" displaced person.

The estate, which had been in his family for 400 years, had 2,000 houses, several castles and five years ago the Germans took him away as a political prisoner. That same year—1944—his father, a former Minister to the United States, died.

After the war the Russians confiscated the estate. Today, the Count and his wife and their three-year-old daughter arrived with 1,200 other displaced persons on the Army transport, M. B. Stewart.

The Esztorhazys plan to go to Washington in a few days to meet the Count's stepmother, Countess Francisca Esztorhazy, who has been living in America and Cuba for 15 years.—Reuter.

SCIENTISTS EXAMINE NIGERIA
Badan, Nigeria, Dec. 13.—Scientists from Britain, France, Spain, Portugal and West African countries have met here to exchange information on Nigerian physical, biological and human problems.

One subject is that data for a more accurate atlas should be collected from all Colonial governments.

Maps produced in London are vague and often contain errors, geographers here believe.

Recent research on malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness, all of which affect West Africa, is also being explained to the scientists.

Fish is a vital food among many of Nigeria's inhabitants, and the scientists are to hear about Lagos fish-farming experiments aimed at bigger supplies.

When the scientists finish reading their papers they will go north to the heart of Nigeria to see agricultural research stations and stations for geological and archaeological studies.—Reuter.

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Four major items remained formally on the Commission's agenda as it entered what officials described as the final phase of its work.

They were: 1. Japanese reparations; 2. Japanese levels of industry; 3. American labour policy in Japan; and 4. Participation of Japanese in international affairs.

The best informed official consensus of opinion was that the Commission probably would never take any positive action in connection with the first three of these questions. However, the fourth was the one that it would be able to reach some agreement on the policy for participation of Japanese in international conferences on a somewhat broader basis than at present.

Both the FEC Steering Committee and the Commission as a whole are considering this matter, discussing various suggestions advanced after the United States submitted its original resolution which would sanction the policy of permitting Japanese the greatest possible attendance at international meetings in which they have interest.

Russia, China and the Philippines have been most opposed to the American attitude in this matter. However, the Philippines is reported to have softened its position somewhat, and the Chinese are not as vocal on the subject in the FEC meeting as they once were.

The Soviet Union has moderated its objectives too, but has raised the argument that the United States would permit the Japanese to attend only meetings of international organizations which the Americans approved of ideologically.

The Soviet Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Vladimir Bazykin, has asserted in a statement in the Commission that General MacArthur will not permit the Japanese to attend meetings of organizations such as the World Economic Conference and the United Nations, which sometimes sit in countries behind the "Iron Curtain."

The United States is expected to reply to this charge as soon as it receives the full views of General MacArthur. However, Commission sources believe that there has been enough modification in the attitudes of all countries to offer a compromise in this matter.

There is considered to be little chance of an agreement on the levels of industry for Japan. This subject, which has been discussed in the four years of the FEC's existence, still finds several nations unwilling to compete in levels as high as the United States wishes.

The United States, which bears the burden of supporting the deficits of the Japanese economy, will veto any policy

which would set lower industrial levels. Thus, unless the entire Commission accepts the American view the matter must die without positive action.—United Press.

New York Water-Saving Campaign

New York, Dec. 13.—The 8,000,000 residents of New York were asked to go without a bath next Friday and were requested not to shave on that day.

"Friday beard is a badge of honour," said Commissioner Stephen Carney in proclaiming a voluntary "water holiday" to dramatize the city's critical shortage and show how much water can be saved through earnest contribution. Also everyone will be asked to drink one glass less of water on that day.

The "no bath, no shave" request was part of the 24-hour "water holiday" which the Water Supply Department has asked New Yorkers to observe on Friday. The Department announced that the holiday would be a "test of the public."

It said that if this measure worked out well, more water saving restrictions would not have to be put into effect.

It was estimated that if everyone in the city refrained from one glass of water on Friday, that move alone would save half a million gallons.

The announcement came as the Water Department authorities received a report that the storage supply in reservoirs which feed the city had gone up during the last 24 hours for the first time since last June. With light, steady rains falling on watershed and warm temperatures melting snow, the total storage had increased since 8 a.m. on Monday by 1,020,000 gallons. The total supply now stands at 85,000,000 gallons, which is 33.8 percent of the capacity.—United Press.

Dance Study Offer To Schoolgirl
Rangoon, Dec. 13.—The Thai goodwill mission visiting Rangoon today invited to Bangkok a 15-year-old Burmese schoolgirl, Thin Thin, to study dancing under state tutelage.

They extended the invitation after seeing Thin Thin perform traditional Burmese dances at an entertainment in their honour.

Thin Thin said that her mother was considering the offer.—Associated Press.

New Governments Down Under

Sydney, Dec. 13.—New Zealand made the formal change-over from a Socialist to a free enterprise government today. Australia is to make a similar shift next Monday. The Labour regimes had been voted out in both the British Commonwealth nations, neighbours in the South Pacific, in the last two weeks.

New Zealand's new National Party government of Prime Minister Sidney G. Holland was sworn in at Wellington, the capital.

Winning 54 of the 60 House seats in the Parliamentary election on November 30, it ended 14 years of Labour rule. Mr. Peter Fraser's Labour Cabinet resigned last week, but had remained on in a caretaker capacity.

There is not going to be any more Socialism in New Zealand—the peg went in this afternoon," said Mr. Holland, when asked if the Government would continue to buy up privately-owned concerns that it is not to say the Government will never buy anything, but there will not be any more socialisation. Traders, manufacturers and farmers are now free to make a success of their business, he said.

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CHIEFLY RESIGNS
Australia's Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, tendered his Labour Cabinet's resignation to Governor-General William J. McKell today in Canberra, the capital. A Cabinet of the victorious Liberal Country Party, led by Liberal Robert G. Menzies, will be sworn in on Monday.

Australians voted on Saturday for the change after eight years of Labour rule. The Liberal Country Party group pledged

to tax revision, outlawing of the Communist Party and easing of Socialist controls.

Newsmen close to Mr. Menzies say the action against Communism will begin as soon as the new government takes over. They say the Commonwealth Security Service will be instructed to maintain a special watch on Communists to guard against concealment of assets.

The Government is expected to introduce a bill declaring Communism subversive and unlawful when Parliament meets in the second week of February.—Associated Press.

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